

CERTIFICATIONS IN CALIFORNIA

Certifying Entity	Certification Name	Cost	Certification Criteria	Period	Comparable Agency and Accepted By	Benefits
The Supplier Clearinghouse under the supervision of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	Women/Minority Owned Business Enterprise (WMBE) www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com/ Tel: (800) 359-7998	Free	51% woman or minority owned business whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more women or minorities	Three years or up to the expiration date of comparable agencies certification	* Women's Business Enterprise National Council and National Minority Supplier Development Council * Accepted by over 20 CPUC regulated utility companies	* Official recognition of WMBE status Promotion and visibility Information on business opportunities contracting process * Faster
Department of General Services (DGS)	Small Business (SB) and Disabled Veteran (DV) Business Enterprise (DVBE) http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS/G etCertified.aspx Tel: (916) 375-4940 * Microbusiness (MB) is a small business with less than \$3,500,000 gross annual receipt or a manufacturer with 25 or fewer employees	Free	SB - not dominant in the field of operation; principal office located in California; owners domiciled in California; and a business with 100 or fewer employees with an average annual gross receipts of \$14 million or less, over the last three tax years or a manufacturer with 100 or fewer employees DVBE - 51% DV owned and daily business operations managed and controlled by DVs	SB - one year MB - two years DVBE - one year	List of reciprocity partners: www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/pd/smallbus/ReciprocityPartners.pdf	SB - statutory 5% SB participation goal in state procurement and contracting; 5% bid preference; prompt payment; California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) fees waiver; a non-small business subcontracting SBs may be eligible for a 5% bid preference DVBE - statutory 3% DVBE participation goal in state procurement and contracting; 5% bid incentive SB/DVBE - eligible for SB/DVBE Option; entered into the DGS database which state agencies use to find SB/DVBEs
California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) on behalf of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/ucp.htm http://www.californiaucp.org/ http://www.dot.gov/osdbu/disadvantaged-business-enterprise Tel: (916) 324-1700, (916) 324-8760, (866) 810-6346, (916) 324-0990, (916) 324-1862	Free	* A business with less than \$22.41 million average annual gross receipts over the previous three fiscal years * 51% owned by socially and economically disadvantaged (SED) individuals * One or more of the SED owners must control the business management and daily operations * The SED individuals must be United States citizens or lawful permanent residents	Yearly submission of "No Change Declaration" required to maintain DBE status	Public agencies that receive DOT funds	* Eligible to participate in the DBE program Entered into the CUCP database that provides exposure to public agencies and large prime contractors
US Small Business Administration (SBA)	8 (a) Business Development Program http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/8a-business-development-program Tel: (800) 827-5722	Free	A small business 51% or more owned and controlled by SED United States citizens	Nine years		* Provides business assistance * Participants can receive sole-source contracts (up to \$4 million for goods and services and \$6.5 million for manufacturing)
SBA	The Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone) http://www.sba.gov/hubzone/ Tel: (800) 827-5722	Free	* A small business whose principal office is located within a HUBZone * 51 % owned and controlled by United States citizens, or a Community Development Corporation, an agricultural cooperative, or an Indian tribe * At least 35% of the employees reside in a HUBZone	Three years	Federal government	* Access to competitive and sole sourcing contracts * 3 % participation goal in federal prime contracts * 10% price evaluation preference in full and open contract competitions * Subcontracting opportunities
SBA	Women Owned Small Business (WSOB) http://www.sba.gov/content/women-owned-small-business-program Tel: (800) 827-5722	Free	* A small business 51% owned and controlled by one or more women * Primarily managed by one or more women * The women must be United States citizens		* El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, National Women Business Owners Corporation, US Women's Chamber of Commerce, and Women's Business Enterprise National Council * Accepted by entities awarded federal contracts	* 5% participation goal in federal contracts * Eligible to bid on contracts set-aside for certified WSOBs
SBA	Service Disabled Veteran (SDV)-Owned (SDVO) Businesses (SDVOB) www.va.gov/osdbu http://www.sba.gov/sdvosb Tel: (800) 949-8387	Free	* A small business 51% owned by an SDV * The SDVO controls the management and daily operations and holds the highest officer position * The SDV must have a service-connected disability that has been determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs or Department of Defense		Entities awarded federal contracts	* Eligible to bid on contracts set-aside exclusively for SDVOB and access to sole source awards
Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)	Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) www.wbenc.org Tel: (202) 872-5515	Fees are determined by each Regional Partner Organizations (RPO) based on the specific markets served	* 51% of business owned and controlled by one or more women who are United States citizens or lawful permanent residents * Business management and daily operations are controlled by one or more of the women owners	One year	* List of regional partners: http://www.wbenc.org/About-WBENC/Regional-Partner-Organizations/Regional-Partner-Organization-Map/ Accepted by hundreds of corporations and a number of federal, state, and local government agencies	* Access to a current list of supplier diversity and procurement executives * WBENC certifies for SBA and informal networking opportunities to pursue business deals * Access to mentoring, education, and capacity development * Eligible for various recognitions and business promotions * Eligibility to participate in WBENC Social Media profiles * Formal
National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (NMSDC)	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) www.nmsdc.org Tel: (212) 944-2430	Depending on region \$350-\$1,200	* A business physically located in the United States * 51% owned by minority group members * Management and daily operations controlled by those minority individuals * Minority group members are United States citizens who are Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native American	One year	* Canadian Aboriginal and Minority Supplier Council (CAMSC) and affiliated councils in the NMSDC network * Accepted and generally required by many of the largest publicly, privately and foreign-owned companies, as well as universities, hospitals and other buying institutions.	* Access to and listed in the Regional Council Minority Supplier Database * Eligible for the Advanced Management Education Program * Attend business opportunity fairs the Minority Business Information System (MBISYS) database * Networking opportunities Working capital loans and longer-term financing * Inclusion to